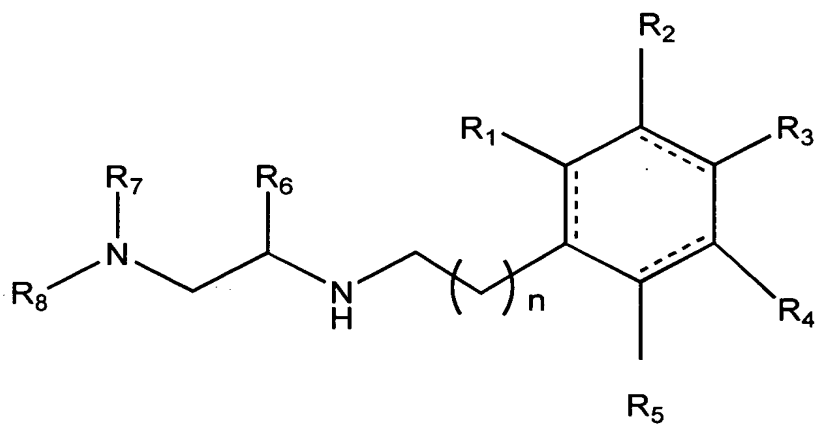


ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides triamine derivative melanocortin receptor ligands of the formula:

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wherein R_1 to R_8 and n have the meanings provided herein. The invention further provides methods of using the ligands to alter or regulate the activity of a melanocortin receptor.

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